

## CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Friday, March 7, 2003

### SENATE

#### Measures Introduced:

\_\_\_\_\_ **S. 578.** A bill *to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to include Indian tribes among the entities consulted with respect to activities carried out by the Secretary of Homeland Security, and for other purposes*; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

Inouye

*Pages S 3369, S 3371*

#### Nomination Agreement:

*A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, at 2 p.m., on Monday, March 10, 2003.*

*Pages S 3373, D 203*

#### Partial Birth Abortion Ban--Agreement:

*A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the time from 5 pm until 6 pm be equally divided between Senator Santorum or his designee, and the Minority Leader or his designee, with respect to the consideration of S. 3, to prohibit the procedure commonly known as partial-birth abortion on Monday, March 10, 2003.*

*Pages S 3373, D 203*

#### Nominations Confirmed:

**Senate confirmed the following nominations:**

*Humberto S. Garcia, of Puerto Rico, to be United States Attorney for the District of Puerto Rico for the term of four years.*

*Eugene James Corcoran, of New York, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of New York for the term of four years.*

*Stephen A. Cambone, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence. (New Position)*

*Pages S 3374, D 203*

#### Congressional Program Ahead - Week of March 10 through March 15, 2003:

**Committee on Appropriations:** 3/12/2003 @ 9:30 a.m. *Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the District of Columbia Courts, Court Services, and the Offender Supervision Agency. SD-138.*

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**Committee on the Judiciary:** 3/12/2003 @ 10:00 a.m. *Subcommittee on Immigration, with the Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information, to hold joint hearings to examine border technology, focusing on keeping terrorists out of the United States. SD-226.*

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**Congressional Program Ahead - Week of March 10 through March 15, 2003 (Cont.):**

**Committee on the Judiciary: 3/12/2003 @ 2:00 p.m. Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of James V. Selna, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Philip P. Simon, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana, Theresa Lazar Springmann, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana, Mary Ellen Coster Williams, of Maryland, and Victor J. Wolski, of Virginia, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, Ricardo H. Hinojosa, of Texas, and Michael E. Horowitz, of Maryland, both to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission, and Cormac J. Carney, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. SD-226.**

**Committee on the Judiciary: 3/13/2003 @ 9:30 a.m. Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Priscilla Richman Owen, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. SD-226.**

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**Remarks:**

**Tribute to Mary Pat Angelini, Alice J. Guttler, the Honorable Susan D. Wigneton and Theresa I. Seitz.**

*"...Judge Susan Wigneton is also receiving the Professionalism Excellence Award. Currently, Judge Wigneton serves as a United States Magistrate Judge in U.S. District Court. She previously served as a part-time United States Magistrate Judge. Prior to that, Judge Wigneton practiced in Middletown, NJ with the law firm of Giordano, Halleran & Ciesla, P.C..."*

Lautenberg

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Another Unprecedented Step by the Justice Department.

Levin

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**HOUSE**

*The House was not in session today.*

*The House will next meet at noon on Monday, March 10, 2003.*

**Congressional Program Ahead - Week of March 10 through March 15, 2003:**

**Committee on Government Reform: 3/13/2003 @ 2:00 p.m. Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, oversight hearing entitled "Federal E-Government Initiatives: Are We Headed In the Right Direction?" 2154 Rayburn.**

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**Committee on the Judiciary: 3/11/2003 @ 2:00 p.m. Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing and mark up of the following bills: H.R. 1104, Child Abduction Prevention Act; and H.R. 1161, Child Obscenity and Pornography Prevention Act. 2141 Rayburn.**

**Committee on the Judiciary: 3/12/2003 @ 10:00 a.m. Full Committee, to mark up the following: H. Res. 132, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Ninth Circuit of Appeals ruling in *Newdow v. United States Congress* is inconsistent with the Supreme Court's interpretation of the first amendment and should be overturned; and H.R. 975, Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2003. 2141 Rayburn.**

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**Congressional Program Ahead - Week of March 10 through March 15, 2003 (Cont.):**

**Committee on the Judiciary: 3/13/2003 @ 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on the "International Copyright Piracy: Links to Organized Crime and Terrorism." 2141 Rayburn.**

**Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: 3/12/2003 @ 2:30 p.m.** Executive, hearing on the Director of the CIA Overview. H-405 Capitol.

**Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: 3/13/2003 @ 8:30 a.m.** Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security, executive, briefing on Hot Spots. H-405 Capitol.

**Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: 3/13/2003 @ 1:00 p.m.** Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence, executive, hearing on Future Imagery Architecture Program. H-405 Capitol.

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**Remarks:**

\_\_\_\_\_ The Medical Malpractice Insurance and Litigation Reform Act of 2003.  
Conyers *Pages E 392-3*

American Servicemember and Civilian Protection Act of 2003.  
Paul *Page E 394*

Introduction of the Family Time Flexibility Act.  
Biggert *Pages E 401-2*

**Introduction of the Class Action Fairness Act of 2003.**

*"...Our bill is designed to prevent these abuses by allowing large interstate class action cases to be heard in federal court. It would expand the statutory diversity jurisdiction of the federal courts to allow class action cases involving minimal diversity--that is, when any plaintiff and any defendant are citizens of different states--to be brought in or removed to federal court..."*

Goodlatte *Pages E 405-6*

Medical Liability Insurance Crisis Response Act of 2003.  
Sandlin *Page E 406*

**Next SENATE MEETING: 2:00 p.m., Monday, March 10, 2003.**

**Next HOUSE MEETING: 12:00 p.m., Monday, March 10, 2003.**

**OLA: S. Schwarz, A. Santos**